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Attorney Docket No. SPLX.P0014

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Title: Method and Apparatus for Pre-computing and Using Multiple Placement Cost Attributes to Quantify the Quality of a Placement Configuration within a Partitioned Region

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

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Transmitted herewith for filing under the continuing application procedure of 37 CFR §1.53(b) is a patent application as identified above. Included with this transmittal are the following:

1.  Fee Transmittal Form
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.
3.  Specification (101 Total Pages)
4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) (39 Total Sheets)
5.  Declaration and Power of Attorney (   Total Pages)
  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR §1.63(d))
6.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
7.  Preliminary Amendment
8.  Return Receipt Postcard
9.  Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
10.  **This application is a CONTINUATION of:**

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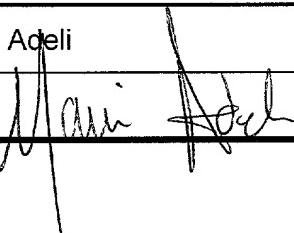
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11.  Please cancel and/or add claims according to the accompanying preliminary amendment before calculating the application filing fee.

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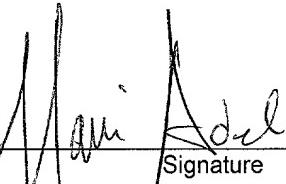
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